

English

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This class is a first year English course that fulfills part of the MVHS graduation requirements. In this class we will be exploring the English language through writing, reading, speaking, and listening. English literature will also be examined through fictional novels, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and short stories. The goal of this class is to be academically rigorous while laying a strong foundation for future English courses through the examination of literary devices, language, grammar, mechanics, and appropriate use of evidence. This class will utilize a variety of different projects, tests, quizzes, readings, and writings to accomplish the objectives of this course.

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grading

All assignments and classwork will be placed in Aeries (ABI) and will be updated to reflect the most current grade for every student. It is the student's responsibility to check Aeries frequently for any missing assignments or discrepancies. Aeries will be updated regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month.

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

Letter Grade	Percentage Points
A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89.4%
C	70 - 79.4%
D	
F	59% and below

MVHS's English Department has adopted a categorical weight grading system. The potential assignments and assessments below in each category are not comprehensive.

CATEGORY	POTENTIAL ASSIGNMENTS	PERCENTAGE
Writing	Essays & Paragraphs	30%
Reading	Annotations & Quizzes	20%
Speaking & Listening Language	Socratic Seminars Grammar & Spelling	20%

materials

Notebook • Writing Utensils • Blue or Black Ink Pens • Post-its • College-Ruled Paper • Highlighters • Positive Attitude

classroom expectations

GENERAL CLASSROOM RULES

1. Disrespect towards myself or any classmates WILL NOT be tolerated under ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.
2. Students are expected to be prepared, on task, and courteous to the learning environment. It is the goal of the class as a whole to make a welcoming environment that allows for all students to be comfortable with discussions and the exchange of ideas.
3. There is NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR GUM (except water) policy within this class. Please fill up your water bottles before class.
4. Please use the restroom before you come to class. If you must leave to use the restroom please ask for the pass. Students are given 5 passes for each 6-week grading period.

All rules, policies, and procedures that are found in the MVHS Student Handbook will be enforced in this classroom. Most disciplinary actions will be handled on an in-class basis. Administration and parent involvement will occur only after all in-class correction options have been exhausted.

COMMUNICATION

You are more than welcome to e-mail me with questions. Please use proper grammar, appropriate subject lines, and respectful language when e-mailing. Please make sure that your communication is appropriate for the classroom. All emails will be answered in a timely fashion. If you are choosing to utilize Remind 101, please be mindful of "Office Hours." Please do not use Remind after 8 pm unless it is an emergency.

CELL PHONES

Please be respectful to the classroom environment and turn your cell phone off or place it on silent when you enter the class. There are some times in which technology will be needed for the day's activities. When technology is utilized in the day's lesson, students will be asked to refrain from anything non-activity related (texting, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, etc.). Please see the MVHS student handbook for more information regarding the campus cell phone policy.



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UNITS OF STUDY

Semester 1

Unit 1: ERWC Module (Undercover Parent)

Unit 2: Short Stories

Unit 3: Romeo and Juliet

Semester 2

Unit 4: ERWC Module (Good Food, Bad Food)

Unit 5: ERWC Module (Remembering Injustice)

Unit 6: To Kill a Mockingbird

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

Students are expected to be on time and prepared for daily classroom activities. Absence affects the student's ability to complete work in a timely manner and to understand the important ideas of the class. Due to block schedule, missing one class is the equivalent to missing two days of instructional time. When you are absent it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to go to the website and get any missed materials. You will then have one full day from the day you return to make up any missing assignments.

Assignments that were due on the day of your absence are due the day you return. If you have any questions about the absence policy or making up work please feel free to contact me. TRUANCIES ARE UNACCEPTABLE. You will not be allowed to make up assignments, tests, or quizzes missed during a truancy. If you know in advance that you must miss class, please let me know. IF YOU ARE ABSENT AND A LARGE ASSIGNMENT IS DUE IN CLASS, PLEASE SEND THE ASSIGNMENT WITH A FRIEND, SIBLING, PARENT, OR EMAIL IT TO ME. When you are absent please utilize your peers and the class website for absent work prior to contacting me.

ASSIGNMENTS THAT ARE LATE DUE TO A TRUANCY WILL RECEIVE A 25% DEDUCTION. If a student will be absent on the day of a project, test, or quiz it is their responsibility to contact the teacher and make alternative arrangements. Tests or quizzes must be made-up no more than ONE WEEK after it is taken, and will be subject to alternative questions. All assignments are due at the start of the next class unless otherwise stated. Absent work must have an "Absent Work Form" attached to avoid point reduction.

TEXTS

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- ERWC Units created by the UC System
- Miscellaneous Short Stories & Poems

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. If a student is caught trying to pass off someone else's ideas as their own (plagiarism) or giving/receiving answers for a test/quiz (cheating) they will receive a zero on the assignment, a conference with administration, and additional administrative action. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more policies and procedures on plagiarism and cheating.

When in doubt, cite it out!

NOTEBOOK CHECKS

All students are required to have a separate notebook in which they keep their daily warm-ups, notes, and other important information for this class. Students will be instructed on the use of their notebooks and formatting within the first weeks of school. Notebook checks will be done at the end of a unit. All notebooks are required to have a table of contents, titles, dates, and focus-style notes. English notebooks should only be used only for English work. Any non-English assignments or notes will result in a deduction from the notebook check grade.

LATE & MISSING ASSIGNMENTS

All late and missing assignments (classwork, essays, homework, and projects) will have a deduction of 10% for every day that they are late. It is important that students make sure that ALL work is submitted in a timely manner. If a student turns in a project or assignment late enough that they would receive no points under the 10% rule, they will receive no more than 50% of the initial point value of the assignment. If a student will be absent on the day of a project, essay, test, or quiz it is their responsibility to contact the teacher and make alternative arrangements. All assignments are due at the start of the next class unless otherwise stated.

PROJECTS, ESSAYS, & CLASSWORK

All essays must be typed, double spaced, size twelve font in Times New Roman, and proper MLA format. Essays will only be submitted via Turnitin.com, and students will be instructed on the use of this website prior to the first essay being submitted. Students will be instructed on how to properly format a project and what information should be presented on the project via a rubric when the project is assigned. All classwork, projects, and essays will be posted on the website the same day it is given. It is strongly encouraged that all students type project components and large assignments (essays MUST be typed).

HAIKU

Haiku is updated weekly to reflect the most up-to-date information including daily agendas, PDFs of documents, information regarding tests, classwork, and homework. Please scan the QR code and save the English Haiku page to your computer.

